

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by marked up replacement paragraph(s) as follows.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1, lines 7-16, as follows:

The present application is related to the following co-pending applications, which are filed on even date herewith and incorporated herein by reference:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. / (~~Docket No. RIC00033~~) 09/723,482,
entitled "Network Access System Including a Programmable Access Device Having
Distributed Service Control;"
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. / (~~Docket No. RIC00043~~) 09/723,501,
entitled "External Processor for a Distributed Network Access System;" and
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. / (~~Docket No. RIC00044~~) 09/723,480,
entitled "Message, Control and Reporting Interface for a Distributed Network Access
System."

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